The relief operations undertaken in the affected areas include :

(a) Rescue operations, involving clearing of the debris and removing of dead bodies and their disposal.

(b) Medical aid in terms of personnel and supplies.

(c) Provision of foodgrain, cooked food, safe drinking water and fresh milk.

(d) Operation of 1546 temporary shelter in Latur and 6705 tenements in Osmanabad district for survivors who had lost their homes.

(e) Provision of fuel and electricity.

(f) Prophylactic public health measures for prevention of the outbreak of any epidemic.

Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, Government of India, in addition to the normal release of three quarterly instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs. 25.50 crores for the current year, has also released Rs. 41.50 crores as advance from the CRF to enable the State Government to undertake immediate relief measures.

18 villages in Latur and 12 villages in Osmanabad district have been allotted to various doner agencies for the purpose of reconstruction of houses and other amenities.

Apart from taking steps to utilise assistance assured by foreign Doners, a World Bank loan assistance is also being negotiated to finance the rehabilitation programmes in the affected areas involving housing and infrastructure, economic and social rehabilitation and other related programmes.

Increase in Rice yield through Rice-fish Culture

*22. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the findings of a multi-country project funded by the Canadian Government's International Development Research Centre (IDRCS), according to which rise-fish culture can increase the yield of rice by 25 to 30 per cent ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ;

(c) whether Government propose to advise farmers to adopt this method ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) to (d) As the project does not cover India we are not aware of the details of the project. In regard to the question of advising the farmers on the technology developed under the said project, it is stated that in several eastern States of India the farmers already practice Paddy-cum-fish culture.

Installation of Fire Fighting System in High Rise Building

*23. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 622 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1993 and state :

(a) the number of high-rise buildings which have since introduced fire fighting system till now ; and

(b) what steps are being taken to ensure that the rest of the buildings also bring them at desired safety level ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL) : (a) Out of the 123 unsafe high-rise buildings in April 1993, Delhi Fire Service have reported that 13 buildings have since provided the fire fighting systems.

(b) After expiry of the last date upto which extension was given by the Delhi Fire Service for providing the mandatory 12 fire safety requirements action was initiated by the Delhi Fire Service under the provisions of the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986, to seal the